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1. The Voroshilov Electrical Equipment Factory, a unit of the Elprom industry, is located in the ninth rayon of Sofia, on "Zakharna Fabrika" (Sugar Factory) Street; the sugar factory is no longer active and is now used as a grain storehouse. The Voroshilov Factory occupies an area about 500 by 800 meters in size, delimited by its component buildings.
2. The factory is subordinate to the Ministry of Electrification. It employs about 400 clerks (mostly women), about 3,000 workers (high percentage of women), and about 350 technical personnel. Like all State units, the Voroshilov Factory has an office, called "Section 38", which exercises political control over the workers. The chief of "Section 38" is Slavinski (fnu), who is assisted by 12 clerks. The factory director is Binio Binev, [redacted] has held this position since January 1953; [redacted] The vice director and administrative director is Boris Dzhakov, [redacted] who has held this position since June-July 1953; [redacted] Since January 1953, the head accountant has been Aleksandur Barutski, [redacted]
3. Work is normally done in two shifts per day, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. respectively. Some of the sections add a third shift in case of necessity.
4. The entire production of the factory is based on contracts made quarterly with other State enterprises and agencies and with orders from other countries. The largest foreign purchasers are China and Albania. Bulgarian State enterprises and companies supplied by Elprom include the following:
  - a. Dürzhavno Snabdyavane (State Supply), subordinate to the Ministry of Communal Economy, for the current needs of State units in general;

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- b. Durzhaven Reserv (State Reserves), subordinate to the Ministry of Communal Economy, for reserves to be used only in case of emergency; this unit has its own depots and warehouses (further details not known);
  - c. Narmag (Naroden Magazin; People's Store), for the sale of all articles, including electrical items for domestic use, to the public; and
  - d. Stroimatmetis (Stroitelni Materiali i Metalni Izdelie; Construction Materials and Metal Products), agency for the sale of construction materials, including electrical materials, to construction agencies and private individuals.
5. In the period between the spring of 1951 and September 1953, the factory assembled seven or eight radio receiver-transmitter stations for the Armed Forces. The component parts consisted primarily of parts provided by the Soviet Bloc countries and only a few parts produced at the factory. [redacted] these stations [redacted] are a reproduction of an old German model, identified by the trade mark "M.T.", and of "considerable" power. 25X1

6. Radios produced by the plant are of the following types:

- a. Pioneer, four tubes;
- b. Marek, four tubes; and
- c. Voroshilov, three tubes.

All three types have both medium and short wave frequency. They are of extremely poor quality; the Pioneer model is the best of the group.

7. The quarterly production is about 7,000 units. Most of these are destined for China; a smaller number go to Albania and the Bulgarian State enterprises listed above. Items manufactured include loudspeakers, precision optical instruments, therapeutic apparatus (X-ray, etc.), surgical instruments, and component and spare parts for all products manufactured by the factory.
8. The electric power used by the factory is obtained from the thermoelectric plant in the Nadezhda Quarter of Sofia. Often (sometimes once or twice a week) the power supply is cut off for periods up to three or four hours.

9. [redacted] the Voroshilov Factory (as [redacted] all the enterprises which constitute the Elprom industry) [redacted] largely "in the red." The precarious financial situation of the factory, charged to the poor quality of technical-administrative directive personnel, in January 1953 brought about a reshuffling of directive officers. The measure had no effective results and the deficit still showed no decrease as of 30 September 1953. 25X1
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